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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this particular place is a predominantly Muslim area and if the school is not raised into a Higher Elementary School, the Muslim girls will be denied the opportunity of higher elementary education, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Midday meals in schools.

* 270 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the action taken on the proposals sent by the Member of the Legislative Assembly from Hindupur, some time back that midday meals should be supplied to Scheduled Caste boys studying in various schools in Rayalaseema?

THE HON DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such proposal has been received by Government.

The scheme of supplying midday meals is at present confined only to the Harijan Welfare schools run by Government. The scheme could not be extended to other schools now on account of the heavy cost and the present financial stringency."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, I have personally submitted a proposal of that sort to the Hon. Minister even in the beginning of last year. Will the Government consider implementing my proposal for supplying midday meal at least for the duration of the famine period in view of the fact that these poor Scheduled Caste people are unable to send their children to schools for lack of food and on account of serious famine conditions prevailing in that area? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the matter will be considered taking into account the financial condition of the Government."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—"Sir, if the financial condition of the Government improves, will the Government consider the question of supplying midday meals to all Harijan students throughout the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if the financial condition improves we will consider the question of supplying midday meals to all poor children throughout the State."

Representations from Sree Venkateswara Vilas Pustaka Bhandagaram, Yellamanchili taluk.

* 274 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(a) whether it is a fact that several requests were made to the Government by the authorities of the Sree Venkateswara Vilas

Pustaka Bhandagaram of Upmaka Agraharam of Yellamanchili taluk, Visakhapatnam district, for recognition and financial help for the library; and

(b) if so, whether any of the requests was complied with and if not the reasons for the same?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The authorities of the Sree Venkateswara Vilas Pustaka Bhandagaram of Upmaka agraharam applied for aid from State funds only once on 21st March 1952.

" (b) The library could not be admitted for aid from State funds, as it was not registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860."

Grant for the construction of school buildings to District Board, Anantapur.

* 282 Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations were made on several occasions by the District Board, Anantapur, for allotment of building grants to Kadiri, Kalyandrug and Madakasira Board High School buildings under construction in Anantapur district; and

(b) if so, what is the allotment provided for in the budget for 1953–54?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) The District Board, Anantapur, submitted applications for a subsidy from State funds towards the cost of construction of buildings for the Board High Schools at Madakasira, Kalyandrug and Kadiri. The Government have admitted the schemes to aid and have sanctioned subsidies to the value of Rs. 71,000 towards the cost of the three schemes. The district board can claim the subsidy either in part while the schemes are in progress or in full after completing the works."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware that the previous Government assured the district board to provide grants for the construction of school building at Kadiri and directed the district board to start the construction? In view of the fact that the building is now under construction and it has come up to the roofing level and that the district board has stopped the construction for want of funds and in view of the fact that it is difficult for the district board to accommodate the growing strength of pupils, will the Government consider giving more grants especially to Kadiri Board High School which is the biggest High School in Anantapur district?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" During the current year, a total sum of Rs. 50,000 a very meagre sum was provided towards subsidies to local boards for the construction of buildings. Hence only a nominal sum could be allotted to the school at Kadiri. The matter will be considered."